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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT DAOUD

1. PLEASE CONVEY TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED MARCH 15,  
1978 FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT DAOUD. SIGNED  
ORIGINAL IS BEING POUCHED:

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2. QUOTE

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WITH GREAT IN-  
TEREST REPORTS OF YOUR RECENT TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA, LIBYA,  
INDIA AND PAKISTAN AND WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED AND  
HEARTENED BY YOUR STATEMENTS IN ISLAMABAD AND LAHORE ABOUT  
RELATIONS BETWEEN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. PEACE, STA-  
BILITY AND GROWTH IN SOUTH ASIA ARE IMPORTANT CONCERNS OF  
MY ADMINISTRATION.

I KNOW BOTH OUR COUNTRIES SHARE A DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE  
VERY CORDIAL TIES WHICH ALREADY EXIST. AFGHAN-U.S. RELA-  
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TIONS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO ME PERSONALLY, AND WE HIGHLY  
VALUE YOUR FRIENDSHIP. IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT I ASKED  
SECRETARY VANCE TO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED  
ABDULLAH THE POSSIBILITY OF YOUR VISITING THE UNITED STATES  
THIS COMING SUMMER.

HOWEVER, I NOW FIND, MUCH TO MY DEEP PERSONAL REGRET, THAT

I MUST ASK YOUR UNDERSTANDING IN POSTPONING YOUR VISIT. I AM SURE YOU REALIZE THAT I MAKE THIS REQUEST WITH THE GREATEST RELUCTANCE. MUCH OF THE CRITICAL LEGISLATION WHICH I HAD HOPED WOULD BE ENACTED BEFORE THE END OF 1977 REMAINS BEFORE CONGRESS. THESE CONCERN ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE, SUCH AS ENERGY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHICH REQUIRE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION. IN ADDITION, MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS, SUCH AS PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE HORN OF AFRICA, AND ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS, REMAIN UNRESOLVED. FINALLY, THE UNITED STATES WILL BE HAVING CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS THIS FALL THAT WILL MAKE HEAVY DEMANDS ON MY TIME.

I SINCERELY HOPE THAT THIS DELAY WILL NOT CAUSE YOU INCONVENIENCE. I DO VERY MUCH LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU AND HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO ARRANGE A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE IN THE FUTURE. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER.  
UNQUOTE

3. PLEASE ADVISE US WHEN LETTER IS DELIVERED. VANCE

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